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In re Application of:  
Frigo, Nicholas J, et al.

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For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND  
SYSTEM FOR MINIMALLY  
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 19, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 19, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicants herein request a one month extension of time. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ATT/2003-0176, for any fees, including the extension of time fees associated with the request for a one month extension of time, or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.